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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LONDON: PROPOSED THATCHER  
MEETING

1. MRS. THATCHER REGRETS THAT SHE IS NOW UNABLE TO MEET  
WITH SECRETARY, BUT ASKS THAT HE AGREE TO MEET JOHN  
DAVIES, THE NEW CONSERVATIVE SHADOW SPOKESMAN ON FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS.

2. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE SECRETARY MEET WITH  
DAVIES AT 9:45 A.M. ON SATURDAY.

3. BIOGRAPHIC NOTE ON DAVIES: TRADE SECRETARY AND  
CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER (WITH SPECIAL  
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BRITAIN'S EC POLICY) DURING THE  
HEATH GOVERNMENT, DAVIES WAS NAMED CONSERVATIVE FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN LAST MONTH, REPLACING REGINALD  
MAUDLING. A RIGHT-WING TORY, DAVIES IS HIGHLY INTELLI-  
GENT, ARTICULATE AND ABLE. HE HAS A STRONG  
COMMITMENT TO EUROPE. DAVIES WAS MRS. THATCHER'S  
ORIGINAL CHOICE AS EC COMMISSIONER TO REPLACE CHRISTOPHER  
SOAMES. HOWEVER, EC PRESIDENT DESIGNATE ROY JENKINS  
OBJECTED TO DAVIES' APPOINTMENT AND THE NOMINATION WAS  
REJECTED BY THE LABOR GOVERNMENT. HIS POLITICAL RISE WAS  
METEORIC: SIX WEEKS AFTER BEING ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT  
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IN 1970, HEATH NAMED HIM TRADE SECRETARY. PREVIOUSLY

DAVIES HAD BEEN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE CONFEDERATION OF  
BRITISH INDUSTRY (CBI), THE BRITISH EQUIVALENT OF THE  
NAM, AND AN OIL COMPANY EXECUTIVE.

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